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GRACE TONG.

ADRIAN J. MONTGOMERY

tion to a reasonable return? Why should it listen to the outcries of men who have been so signally benefited at the general cost? Or why should it be diverted from a just demand by the threats of leagues and combinations? There is no satisfying human nature. If the country were to offer to take goods and passengers for nothing, it would be argued by some that it was a cruel tyranny not to have porters in readiness for the freight, to save the trouble of delivery; and it would be

said to be still more insensible to the claims of humanity to carry people so far without giving them refreshment on the road as they do at Ministerial picnics. In the old coaching times in England it was not unknown that a desperate proprietor would offer to take passengers for nothing, with something to drink at the end of the journey. This would just suit our friends. But the revenue cannot bear it now.

At the time when Ministers were seeking

the approval of the Assembly for their conduct at the Conference with reference to the Border duties, we pointed out how unfortunate it was that their case rested so much, not on any official or printed record of the Conference, but upon verbal statements made in the absence of the other party, and which might subsequently be more or less impeached by counter explanations. This view of the case is confirmed by the recent advice from Melbourne. A paragraph has appeared in the journals there, admittedly from the *Confederation*, to the effect that

coming from the CHIEF SECRETARY, in which the latter categorical denial is given to the statement that Mr. Dwyer refused to give more than £60,000. Whatever might be the result of the proposed investigation. We have therefore now two entirely contradictory statements as to a matter of fact, and we have no third party to whom an appeal, unless indeed it could be to the delegates from South Australia. None but delegates were present at the Conference, and there are no written records by which the accuracy of either statement can be tested.

The paragraph in the Melbourne journals is now formally official, and its precise language therefore cannot be very strictly construed; but it states, or at any rate implies, that the Victorian Government was and is quite willing to grant to New South Wales whatever might be proved to be its right, that nothing to the contrary was stated or insinuated that the memorandum which was stated to be extra-confidential was so in form only, and not in spirit—that it was intended to have been one of the Conference documents. But at the

request of the New South Wales delegation it was taken as read, inasmuch as they did not wish to prolong the sitting, because they desired to participate in the afternoon in a trip on board the City of Adelaide. There is a good deal to be done to harmonise the two statements thus put before the public, and we must regard it as a very lame conclusion to the Conference that the two parties not only could not agree to a common policy, but that they cannot even agree as to what they said and did during the

discussion. Every one knows how testimony is liable to be warped by prepossessions, and how the recollections of any event are unconsciously coloured where the passions have been at all excited. We have no intention of imputing unvaracity to any of the Ministerial reporters on this occasion; and seeing how one or more of them must have failed to narrate correctly either their own remarks or those of their opponents, we hope that the next time they are disposed to be severe on the gentlemen of the Press

for any alleged misreport of their Parliamentary utterances, they will have the modesty to remember their own want of success on an important occasion, when a faithful account was urgently required, and when the public was left to be mystified because the rival reports could not be made to agree. During the Conference Mr. DUFFY seems to have exhibited a considerable amount of adroitness and finesse; and therefore, in estimating the value of his evidence, there is no presumption in favour of his superior candour and frankness. Nor do

We see now it is possible for the Sydney delegates to have been so deeply imbued as they evidently were with the idea that Victoria would not give more than £60,000, unless there were some very strong grounds for that impression. But it is quite intelligible that the Victorian delegates, having first spoken in that strain, may afterwards have retreated from their position, and that their subsequent proposals may not have removed the impression first created.

But, supposing this to be the real explanation, it is not clear how the delegates could have been so deeply imbued with the idea that Victoria would not give more than £60,000, unless there were some very strong grounds for that impression. But it is quite intelligible that the Victorian delegates, having first spoken in that strain, may afterwards have retreated from their position, and that their subsequent proposals may not have removed the impression first created.

tion or the discrepancy between the two statements, we must accept the last word of Victoria as expressive of its real meaning and as virtually, if not formally, cancelling any previous statements in the contrary sense. Under these circumstances the state of affairs is this:—We have the Government of Victoria recognising the right of New South Wales to the revenue from dutiable articles consumed within its frontier, and we have also expressed willingness to pay over all such duties as may have been collected by Victoria, less the amount of collection.

...a deduction for any per-contra account. This statement is distinct and emphatic, as previous statements to the contrary notwithstanding. For practical purposes therefore it is better to mark to consider whether there were or were not at the beginning of the Conference statements denying or refuting the rights of New South Wales. If there were such—and we think that the balance of evidence indicates that there were—they are substantially set aside. The only ground alleged for not entering at

once upon calculations is that the data are not reliable. They are admitted on our side to be imperfect, and they are alleged on the other to be positively erroneous. It is not in itself an unreasonable request that a specific claim for a specific sum should be backed up by evidence to sustain the demand, and evidence not open to any serious impeachment.

It is admitted on all hands that the actual collection of Border duties should be avoided if possible, and should only be adopted as a

last necessity. Can we say that any such absolute necessity exists while we have the written protestations of Victoria, which we are bound to accept as genuine? Whether or not there is any hollowness behind those protestations, time and experiment will disclose. But whatever reasons our delegates may personally have for thinking them blind, there is not any adequate proof of that to put before the public. It is quite feasible to pass a short Act, limiting the entry of dutiable goods to three or four places on the

Murray; to make it compulsory on all persons passing dutiable goods across at those places to give an accurate statement of the quantity and value of such goods; and to

catalogue of the described Coleoptera of Australia, by Mr. George Masters, with a reference to the author and description of each species; and a pamphlet containing a lecture, by the Rev. F. T. Bird, Wesleyan minister, delivered at Hobart Town, and published by request,

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HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN will sell by auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, **THIS DAY, Thursday**, at 11 o'clock, Sole, kip, calf, yearling, and harness leather.

ALFRED CHANDLER and CO. have received instructions from Mr. W. Butlin to sell by auction on the premises, 262, Kent-street, **THIS DAY** 14th December, at 11 o'clock,
The household furniture and effects

No auction, at the Rooms, on **FRIDAY**
December 15, at 11 o'clock,
 1 case desiccated soup, 1-lb. tins
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 Also

VV Insured with instructions from Mr. John Jacobs to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 38 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, December 14th, 11 o'clock,
One very large white stone china dinner service, new &

at 11 o'clock.

greatly increased breadth, to which the consent of the Government had been obtained. All rights in the vendor to this extension will pass to the purchaser. If carried out, the depth of water will range from 4 to 12 feet, and the area increased from 5 times in one case, to above 10 times

FUNERALS.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LATE SAMUEL CONNOLLY.
Late Sergeant of the Sydney Police, are invited to attend his funeral, to move from his late residence, Walker-street, Redfern, on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to the Catholic Cemetery, Devonshire-street, J. and G. SHYNG, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LATE THOMAS WILLIAMS.
Builder, are invited to attend the funeral of his late beloved youngest son, Leopold, to move from his residence, 12, Judge-street, Woolloomooloo, on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to the Catholic Cemetery, Devonshire-street, J. and G. SHYNG, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LATE CHARLES JAMES BULLIVANT. Junior, are invited to attend the funeral of his late deceased wife, Sarah, to move from the residence of Mrs. Thomas, 141, York-street, THIS AFTERNOON, at a quarter past 2 o'clock, and proceed to St. Leonard's Cemetery, North Shore. THOMAS, Undertaker, York-street.

AMUSEMENTS.

PRINCE OF WALES OPERA HOUSE.
GRAND COMPLEMENTARY BENEFIT.
ELEONOR CARREY and Miss MAGGIE BURTON.
Lovell's beautiful play, "LOVE'S SACRIFICE."
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SPENCER'S MECHANICAL AND WAXWORKS.
Exhibition. Just received, a splendid collection of 10 Wax Figures, Anatomical Singing Bird, etc. Glass Spinning, etc. Scientific Wonders, Glass Blowing, etc. Children under 10, half-price.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE and in the presence of His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Belmore. Her Ladyship the Countess of Belmore. The Chancellor, Members of the Senate, and Professors of the University of Sydney.

GRAND INTERCOLLEGIATE UNIVERSITY CONTESTS.
between the Universities of VICTORIA AND NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE BOAT RACE.
to take place on the Parramatta River, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 23rd December.

THE CRICKET MATCH.
at the Albert Ground, Redfern, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, 28th, 29th, and 30th December.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.
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